



Safety, Quality of Life, and Economic Consequences of Weather and Climate-related Events on Coastal Areas in Virginia

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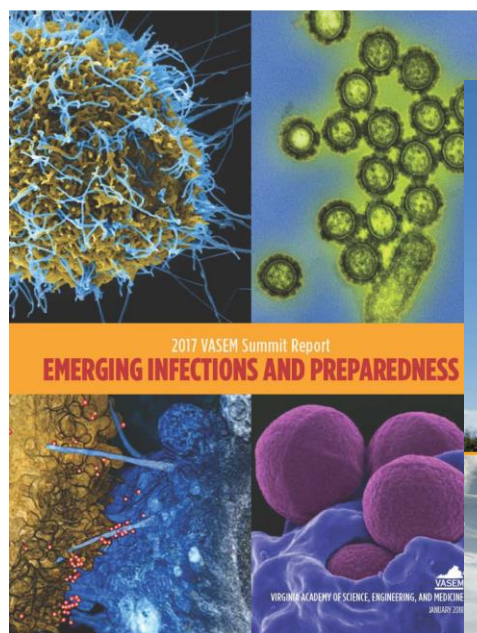
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Introduction to VASEM

- An Honorific Society Established to Provide Scientific, Technical and Health Advice to the Virginia Legislature and Executive Government
- Modeled After the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine and its Executive Branch, the National Research Council
- Founded in 2013 Under the Sponsorship of U.S. Senator Mark Warner and the Presidents of Several Virginia Universities
- Over 150 Members, all Virginia Residents, and all Peer-nominated and Elected Based on Professional Accomplishments Alone
- 90% Are Also Members of One or More of the National Academies
- Organizes Symposia, Internships and Carries Out Directed Studies
- Non-Profit, Members Contribute Their Time Pro Bono



Study of the Consequences of Weather and Climate-related Events on Coastal Areas

- HJ47/SJ38 Directs the Joint Commission on Technology and Science to Study the Safety, Quality of Life, and Economic Consequences of Weather and Climate-related Events on Coastal Areas in Virginia
 - Study Proposal Briefed at the 4 December 2019 JCOTS Meeting in Blacksburg, VA
 - Resolution Patrons: Delegate Sickles and Senator Cosgrove ... Budget Amendment Patrons: Delegate Sickles and Senators Ebbin and Cosgrove
- Focus Areas:
 1. Frequency or Probability of Events and their Near-term, Medium-term, and Long-term Impacts
 2. Displacement, Economic Loss, and Damage to Health or Infrastructure
 3. Areas and Number of Citizens Affected
 4. Remedies and Mitigations, their Cost and Effectiveness
 5. Degree of Certainty of our Knowledge of the Above
 6. Technical Resources Available for Remedies and Mitigations and to gain Knowledge of their Effectiveness and Cost
- Conduct of Study
 - Departure Point: Over Three Dozen Presentations to the Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding and its Predecessor
 - Additional Presentations, Questions and Discussion with Past and New Presenters and Subject Matter Experts
 - A Study Board Receives the Presentations and Examines Old and New Material to Synthesize a Holistic Set of Answers to the Above Questions

Study Progress Report

- Original Pre-COVID Schedule Based on Completion of the Meetings by December of 2020 May Not be Achievable
 - Traditional Face-to-face Meetings With Presenters and Subject Matter Experts, as Well as Study Board Deliberations Will Have to Begin, or Perhaps Even Conclude via Zoom or Similar Means
 - Fifteen Invitations to Membership in the Study Board Sent, 9 Acceptances
 - Six to Ten Additional Invitations Will be Sent in the Next Two Weeks
 - First Board Meeting to Issue Invitations and Questions to Initial Presenters
- Accepted Study Board Members:
 - Jon Goodall, Professor, UVA, Co-chair
 - Antonio Elias, NAE, VASEM Secretary, Co-chair
 - Ann Phillips, USN (Ret), Office of the Governor
 - Jen Irish, Professor, Virginia Tech
 - Elise Miller-Hooks, Professor, GMU
 - Emily Steinhilber, Professor, ODU
 - Lewie Lawrence, Middle Peninsula PDC
 - Bob Lazaro, NOVA Regional Commission
 - Jason El Koubi, VEDP
- Invited Study Board Members:
 - Senator Lynwood Lewis
 - Senator John Cosgrove
 - Mark Luckenbach, VIMS
 - Bill Leighty, VCU
 - Kit Chope, Port of Virginia
 - Chris Stone, Clark Nexsen
- To Be Invited ... Representatives from:
 - US Navy, US Army Corps of Engineers, Virginia Bar Association